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1. H. J. KRISTENSEN, CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, DANISH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, AND CHAIRMAN OF OECD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, INFORMED AG. ATT. THAT MINISTER FREDERIKSEN HAS DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO ATTEND OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN PARIS. HE HAD FULLY INTENDED TO GO UNTIL LOAST FRIDAY, WHEN HE DECIDED RETURN COPENHAGEN FOLLOWING EC MINISTERS' MEETINGS APRIL 9 AND 10 FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE RESUMPTION OF MEETINGS APRIL 16.

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HE WANTS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE RECURRENCE OF WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE JANUARY MEETING (SEE COPENHAGEN 0150).

2. PRESENT PLAN IS FOR KRISTENSEN TO PRESENT A SHORT STATEMENT FOR THE MINISTER. HE SAID IT WOULD CONTAIN NO SURPRISES AND WOULD PROBABLY STRESS THE MODERATE DANISH APPROACH ON BOTH TRADE AND PRICES. HE POINTED OUT THAT DENMARK WAS THE ONLY MEMBER COUNTRY THAT COULD ACCEPT THE 1973/74 COMMISSION PRICES RECOMMENDATIONS. AT PRESENT, GOVERNMENT IS UNDER FARMORE PRESSURE FROM CONSUMER GROUPS ABOUT HIGH FOOD PRICES THAN FROM FARM ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT LOW FARM PRICES. FREDERIKSEN' S ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMISSION' S PRICE PROPOSALS HAS RECEIVED PRACTICALLY NO CRITICISM FROM LOCAL FARM GROUPS.

3. KRISTENSEN WAS OF THE OPINION THAT WHILE THE EC MINISTERS ARE FREE TO SPEAK OUT ON THEIR OWN, MOST WOULD PROBABLY TRY TO AVOID CONTROVERSY NOW THAT THE EC IS ATTEMPTING TO FORMULATE A UNIFIED POSITION FOR THE FORTHCOMING TRADE TALKS. HE STRONGLY URGED THAT SECRETARY BUTZ SPEAK EARLY ON THE PROGRAM. HE THOUGHT MOST OF THE INTEREST WOULD BE CENTERED AROUND THE SECRETARY' S TALK, AND IF HE SPOKE EARLY, OTHERS WOULD BE MOE LIKELY TO SPEAK OUT ON THE ISSUES.

4. MEMBERS OF THE DANISH DELEGATON TO OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING, IN ADDITION TO KRISTENSEN, ARE : KAJ ERIK HJELMAR, CHIEF OF OFFICE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, AND MEMBER OF DANISH OECD COMMITTEE; A. VESTEN PEDERSEN, CHIEF OF OFFICE, DANISH AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL; JOERGEN NIELSEN, ADVISOR, FEDERATION OF DANISH SMALL-HOLDER ASSOCIATIONS; A. SKOVGAARD NIELSEN, AGRICULTURAL ATACHE, DANISH OECD MISSION; AND GEORG GRAM, AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR, DANISH EMBASSY, PARIS
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